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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Non-Provisional Application of:
Asa Abeliovich et al.

Application No.: 10/783,780

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Art Unit: 1649

For: PARKIN-ASSOCIATED COMPLEX FOR
PROTECTING POST-MITOTIC NEURONS
FROM EXCITOTOXICITY AND USES
THEREOF

Examiner: Chang-Yu Wang, Ph.D.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the outstanding restriction requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 3, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response was originally due on April 3, 2006. Applicants request a two-month extension of time, therefore a response is due by June 3, 2006; accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Claims 1-67 are pending in this application and are subject to restriction requirement. The Examiner required Applicants to elect a group of claims for examination. Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group III, claim 20, drawn to a therapeutic composition for gene therapy.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claim of Group III and claims 21-23 of Group V should be examined together, since they share a relationship involving a composition and methods of using the composition, and because it would not present an unreasonable task for, or place an undue burden on, the Examiner for searching purposes to examine the specified claims together. Applicants respectfully point out that claims 21-23 depend from claim 20 and are not

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drawn to a method of treating neurodegeneration in a subject by decreasing cyclin E in a post-mitotic neuron, as alleged by the Examiner (Office Action, page 2).

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter of the remaining claims in this application.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0219 in the amount of \$225.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219, under Order No. 19240.443-US2.

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